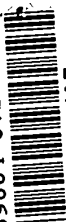


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**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action (paper no. 3) mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 16, 1996. Applicants request a three month extension of time and enclose the appropriate fee and petition therefor under 37 CFR 1.17(c).

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks set forth below reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 10 as follows:

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